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1. The Tibetan Trade mission had opened an office in Kalimpong prior to the beginning of December 1950. The members of the mission are as follows:

Khenchung Lebsang Tsewang\*.

Rimshi L. T. Surkhang\*, a fourth rank layman and joint head of the mission. His only brother is Tibetan Trade Agent in Yatung (68-33, 27-26).

Shendrup J. Senge\*\*.

Tendong Se, who comes from Ch'angtu (97-07, 31-10) and is considered pro-Chinese.\*\*\*

Jamyang Tashi.

Shendrup. About 1 December 1950 this member was sent to Lhasa to get information because the Tibetan delegation does not consider telegraphic communications secure.

2. By the beginning of December 1950 the Tibetan delegation to China had been officially dissolved.\*\*\*\* Rimshi Surkhang had accused Shukappa of sabotaging the mission by delaying his departure to China. In early December the two officials were not on speaking terms.

3. Surkhang Dzasa, Tibetan Foreign Minister, father of Rimshi L. T. Surkhang and a member of the Tibetan delegation which is reported to be en route to the United States to present Tibet's case before the United Nations\*\*\*\*, was buying a house in Kalimpong.

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\* [REDACTED] Comment. These men appeared in [REDACTED] as Lebsang Tsewang and Surkhang Lha Thap Rimshi. In [REDACTED] their names were given as Lebsang, Tsewang and Surkhang Depon.

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\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED]

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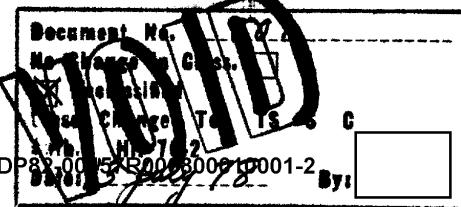
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member of the mission, he is a lame about 40 years old who wears glasses and speaks little English. He writes his name as shown (unintelligible) Ngawang Samgyay.

Comment: He was reported in [redacted] as Santiram Nawang Denge.

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[redacted] Comment. [redacted] Tenzing Gyatso was sent as a member of the mission for the purpose of keeping him out of Chinese politics.

[redacted] also [redacted]

[redacted] Comment. [redacted] believes that the mission to China was dismissed because its members, Mukalpa in particular, were too closely linked with the Front Indo-China.

[redacted] Comment. According to the statement of 13 December 1950, Dzasa Ngawang Gyatson, member of the three-man delegation to the United Nations, arrived in Lhasa on 13 December. He is reported to be an expert in Sino-Tibetan affairs, having represented the Tibetan Government in China for several years along with his other delegation colleagues, Tenzin Thewphu Tenzin Gyatson. His delegation is expected to proceed to Delhi for discussions with the Government of India.

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